

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honoring First Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb, recipient of the Civil Air Patrol Silver Medal of Valor.

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and is comprised of men and women who serve their country by means of a love for aviation or aerospace education activities; and,

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol handles 95% of the continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, saving 113 lives during 2010; and,

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol's highest award for bravery and heroism is the Silver Medal of Valor, and that said Medal is only awarded in the judgment of the Civil Air Patrol in the most deserving circumstances; and,



Whereas, the Silver Medal of Valor has been awarded less than 200 times in history, often posthumously; and,

Whereas, First Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb is only the fourth Hoosier to receive the Silver Medal of Valor since its inception in 1962; and,

Whereas, First Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb, a member of the Indiana Wing, is honored for receiving the Civil Air Patrol Silver Medal of Valor for his conspicuous and heroic act at the risk of his own life; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Webb was vacationing with his family On Sunday, 28 June 2009; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Webb was at a popular swimming location on the Cullasaja River in North Carolina when a 12-year old boy attempted to slide down the rapidly flowing waterfall and became trapped against a boulder; and,

Whereas, the boy's father and several bystanders, including Lieutenant Webb, immediately began efforts to rescue the boy; and,

Whereas, the boy's father immediately plunged into water to rescue his son; and,

Whereas, he was able to keep the boy's head above water but was unsuccessful in removing his son from the water and eventually became trapped himself; and,

Whereas, Webb exhibited complete and total disregard for his own safety, tying a rope beneath his arms, entering the raging water in an attempt to help both the father and the son; and,

Whereas, the flow of water reached an estimated 17,000 gallons per minute, and treacherous footing conditions caused by algae on the rocks beneath the water, Lieutenant Webb struggled to maintain his own footing; and,



Whereas, Lieutenant Webb again entered the water in a second attempt to rescue the trapped victim, but was eventually swept downstream by the current himself; and,

Whereas, despite the subsequent tragic loss of the father, Lieutenant Webb's efforts motivated and encouraged others at the scene to sustain the young boy's head above water and eventually successfully rescue him from the water; and,

Whereas, with the singularly courageous heroism and selfless regard for his fellow man, Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb exemplifies the traditions and ideals of our state and nation, epitomizing the ideals of Civil Air Patrol Humanitarian Service, with honor and integrity: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates First Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb upon his receipt of the Civil Air Patrol Silver Medal of Valor and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to First Lieutenant Malcolm M. Webb and his family, and the Commander of the Indiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Colonel Richard L. Griffith.

